## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

| Samuel Cole,   |  |
|--|--|
| Plaintiff,   | ) MDL Case No. 2:15-md-02641-DGC   |
| v.   | ) Civil Action No. CV-19-01413-PHX-DGC   |
| C. R. Bard Inc. and Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc.,  | )<br>)<br>)  |
| Defendant.   |  |
| WAIVER   | OF THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS  |
| To: <u>Johnston Law Group</u> (Name of plaintiff's attorney or unrepre                                 | esented plaintiff)   |
|  | ervice of a summons in this action along with a copy of the complaint, two s of returning one signed copy of the form to you.  |
| I, or the entity I represent, agree to save  | the expense of serving a summons and complaint in this case.   |
|  | present, will keep all defenses or objections to the lawsuit, the court's t I waive any objections to the absence of a summons or of service.  |
|  | represent, must file and serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 within est was sent (or 90 days if it was sent outside the United States). If I fail to t me or the entity I represent. |
| Date: March 7, 2019  | /s/ Richard B. North, Jr.  |
|  | Signature of the attorney or unrepresented party   |
| C. R. Bard, Inc. and Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc. Printed name of parties waiving service of summons | Richard B. North, Jr. (Ga. Bar No. 545599)  Printed Name   |
|  | Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP 201 17 <sup>th</sup> St., NW, Suite 1700, Atlantic Station, Atlanta, GA 30363 <i>Address</i>   |
|  | richard.north@nelsonmullins.com  E-mail Address  |
|  | (404) 322-6155   |

## Telephone number

## **Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Expenses of Serving a Summons**

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain defendants to cooperate in saving unnecessary expenses of serving a summons and complaint. A defendant who is located in the United States and who fails to return a signed waiver of service requested by a plaintiff located in the United States will be required to pay the expenses of service, unless the defendant shows good cause for the failure.

"Good cause" does not include a belief that the lawsuit is groundless, or that it has been brought in an improper venue, or that the court has no jurisdiction over this matter or over the defendant or the defendant's property.

If the waiver is signed and returned, you can still make these and all other defenses and objections, but you cannot object to the absence of a summons or of service.

If you waive service, then you must, within the time specified on the waiver form, serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 on the plaintiff and file a copy with the court. By signing and returning the waiver form, you are allowed more time to respond than if a summons had been served.